



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1108

January Session, 2011

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AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-259a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) There is established a Risk Assessment Board consisting of the
4 Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Mental Health and
5 Addiction Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief
6 State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the chairperson of the
7 Board of Pardons and Paroles, the executive director of the Court
8 Support Services Division of the Judicial Department and the
9 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
11 judiciary and public safety, or their designees, a victim advocate with
12 experience working with sexual assault victims and sexual offenders
13 appointed by the Governor, a forensic psychiatrist with experience in
14 the treatment of sexual offenders appointed by the Governor and a
15 person trained in the identification, assessment and treatment of sexual
16 offenders appointed by the Governor.

17 (b) The board shall develop a risk assessment scale that assigns
18 weights to various risk factors including, but not limited to, the
19 seriousness of the offense, the offender's prior offense history, the
20 offender's characteristics, the availability of community supports,

21 whether the offender has indicated or credible evidence in the record
22 indicates that the offender will reoffend if released into the community
23 and whether the offender demonstrates a physical condition that
24 minimizes the risk of reoffending, and specifies the risk level to which
25 offenders with various risk assessment scores shall be assigned.

26 (c) The board shall use the risk assessment scale to assess the risk of
27 reoffending of each person subject to registration under this chapter,
28 including incarcerated offenders who are within one year of their
29 estimated release date, and assign each such person a risk level of high,
30 medium or low.

31 (d) The board shall use the risk assessment scale to determine which
32 offenders should be prohibited from (1) residing within one thousand
33 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or
34 secondary school, [or] a facility providing child day care services, as
35 defined in section 19a-77, a senior center, housing for elderly persons
36 pursuant to section 8-114a or congregate housing for the elderly
37 pursuant to section 8-119h, or (2) entering a senior center, housing for
38 elderly persons pursuant to section 8-114a or congregate housing for
39 the elderly pursuant to section 8-119h.

40 (e) Not later than October 1, 2007, the board shall submit a report to
41 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on the judiciary
42 in accordance with section 11-4a setting forth its findings and
43 recommendations concerning: (1) Whether information about sexual
44 offenders assigned a risk level of high, medium or low should be made
45 available to the public through the Internet; (2) the types of
46 information about sexual offenders that should be made available to
47 the public through the Internet which may include, but not be limited
48 to, (A) the name, residential address, physical description and
49 photograph of the registrant, (B) the offense or offenses of which the
50 registrant was convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental
51 disease or defect that required registration under this chapter, (C) a
52 brief description of the facts and circumstances of such offense or
53 offenses, (D) the criminal record of the registrant with respect to any

54 prior convictions or findings of not guilty by reason of mental disease
 55 or defect for the commission of an offense requiring registration under
 56 this chapter, and (E) the name of the registrant's supervising
 57 correctional, probation or parole officer, and contact information for
 58 such officer; (3) whether any of the persons assigned a high risk level
 59 by the board pursuant to subsection (c) of this section meets the criteria
 60 for civil commitment pursuant to section 17a-498; (4) whether
 61 additional restrictions should be placed on persons subject to
 62 registration under this chapter such as curfews and intensive
 63 monitoring on certain holidays; (5) whether persons convicted of a
 64 sexual offense who pose a high risk of reoffending should be required
 65 to register under this chapter regardless of when they were convicted
 66 or released into the community; and (6) whether persons determined
 67 to be guilty with adjudication withheld in any other state or
 68 jurisdiction of any crime the essential elements of which are
 69 substantially the same as any of the crimes specified in subdivisions
 70 (2), (5) and (11) of section 54-250 should be required to register under
 71 this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2011	54-259a
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